Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House Passed H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages \$2433-\$2506

Measures Introduced: Seventeen bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 468–484, S.J. Res. 11, S. Res. 54–56, and S. Con. Res. 8.

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Measures Reported:

S. Res. 54, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Finance. Page S2473

Measures Passed:

Role of Enslaved African Americans in Construction of the Capitol Plaque: Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 53, authorizing a plaque commemorating the role of enslaved African Americans in the construction of the Capitol, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Children's Health Month and Honoring the Memory of Deamonte Driver: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 8, expressing support for Children's Dental Health Month and honoring the memory of Deamonte Driver.

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Measures Considered:

District of Columbia House Voting Rights Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 160, to provide the District of Columbia a voting seat and the State of Utah an additional seat in the House of Representatives, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S2434-61

Adopted:

Kyl Amendment No. 574, to provide for expedited judicial review for Members of Congress.

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Rejected:

By 7 yeas to 91 nays (Vote No. 68), Coburn Amendment No. 581, in the nature of a substitute.

Pages S2458, S2460

Pending:

Ensign Amendment No. 575, to restore Second Amendment rights in the District of Columbia.

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Coburn Amendment No. 576 (to Amendment No. 575), of a perfecting nature. Pages \$2444-51

Thune Amendment No. 579, to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to allow citizens who have concealed carry permits from the State or the District of Columbia in which they reside to carry concealed firearms in another State or the District of Columbia that grants concealed carry permits, if the individual complies with the laws of the State or the District of Columbia. Pages \$2451-52

Kyl Amendment No. 585, to provide for the retrocession of the District of Columbia to the State of Maryland.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 36 yeas to 62 nays (Vote No. 67), Senate did not sustain the point of order raised by Senator McCain that the bill violates Article 1, Section 2 of the United States Constitution.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, February 27, 2009.

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, February 26, 2009, and that the time until 10:30 a.m., be for debate relative to Kyl Amendment No. 585 (listed above), with the time equally divided and controlled between Senators Kyl and Lieberman, or their designees; and that no amendments be in order to the amendment prior to the vote; provided further, that at 10:30 a.m., Senate vote on or in relation to Kyl Amendment No. 585 (listed above).